

CLAIMS

We claim:

1. A method of making a hands-free mobile telephone call comprising the steps of:

accessing an electronic telephone directory;

searching the electronic telephone directory;

sending a signal to select an entry in the electronic telephone directory;

generating an audible announcement of the entry in the electronic telephone directory; and

sending a signal to the mobile telephone to make the mobile telephone call.

2. The method of Claim 1, wherein a satellite remote is used to access the electronic telephone directory, to search the electronic telephone directory, to select an entry in the electronic telephone directory, and to send the signal to the mobile telephone to make the mobile telephone call.

3. The method of Claim 2, wherein the satellite remote comprises a pad that is located on a steering wheel of a motor vehicle.

4. The method of Claim 2, wherein the satellite remote comprises a pad that is located such that a user may operate the satellite remote using the user's foot.

5. The method of Claim 2, wherein the satellite remote includes a scrolling device for searching through the electronic telephone directory and sending a signal to select an entry in the electronic telephone directory.
6. The method of Claim 2, wherein the satellite remote searches through the electronic telephone directory by name.
7. The method of Claim 2, wherein the satellite remote searches through the electronic telephone directory by telephone number.
8. The method of Claim 2, wherein the satellite remote searches through the electronic telephone directory by one entry at a time.
9. The method of Claim 2, wherein the satellite remote searches through the electronic telephone directory by multiple entries at one time.
10. The method of Claim 9, wherein the multiple entries are grouped by a letter of the alphabet and the satellite remote searches through the electronic telephone directory by the letters of the alphabet.
11. The method of Claim 2, wherein the satellite remote is constructed and arranged to search through the electronic telephone directory by one entry at a time and by multiple entries at one time.

12. The method of Claim 2, wherein searching the electronic telephone directory and sending a signal to select an entry in the electronic telephone directory is accomplished using an infrared signal.

13. The method of Claim 2, wherein searching the electronic telephone directory and sending a signal to select an entry in the electronic telephone directory is accomplished using a radio frequency signal.

14. The method of Claim 2, wherein searching the electronic telephone directory and sending a signal to select an entry in the electronic telephone directory is accomplished using a wire connecting the satellite remote and the mobile telephone.

15. The method of Claim 2, further comprising sending a signal to the mobile telephone to answer an incoming mobile telephone call using the satellite remote.

16. The method of Claim 2, further comprising sending a signal to the mobile telephone to activate a call-waiting feature using the satellite remote.

17. The method of Claim 1, wherein accessing the electronic telephone directory comprises accessing an electronic telephone directory in the mobile telephone.

18. The method of Claim 1, wherein accessing the electronic telephone directory comprises accessing an electronic telephone directory in an external memory system.

19. The method of Claim 1, wherein generating an audible announcement of the entry in the electronic telephone directory includes using a speaker or earphone to permit a user to hear the audible announcement.

20. The method of Claim 1, wherein generating an audible announcement of the entry in the electronic telephone directory includes using a mobile telephone speakerphone or earphone to permit a user to hear the audible announcement.

21. The method of Claim 1, wherein generating an audible announcement of the entry in the electronic telephone directory includes using a motor-vehicle speaker or earphone to permit a user to hear the audible announcement.

22. A mobile communications system comprising:
an electronic telephone directory;
a satellite remote having at least one means for scrolling through the electronic telephone directory;
means for audibly announcing a party to be called; and
means for sending a signal from the satellite remote to the mobile telephone.

23. The system of Claim 22, wherein the electronic telephone directory is located in the mobile telephone.

24. The system of Claim 22, wherein the electronic telephone directory is an external memory system.

25. The system of Claim 22, wherein the means for scrolling through the telephone directory comprises a scrolling device for searching through the electronic telephone directory.

26. The system of Claim 25, wherein the scrolling device is constructed and arranged to search through the electronic telephone directory by name.

27. The system of Claim 25, wherein the scrolling device is constructed and arranged to search through the electronic telephone directory by telephone number.

28. The system of Claim 25, wherein the scrolling device is constructed and arranged to search through the electronic telephone directory by one entry at a time.

29. The system of Claim 25, wherein the scrolling device is constructed and arranged to search through the electronic telephone directory by multiple entries at one time.

30. The system of Claim 25, wherein the scrolling device is constructed and arranged to search through the telephone directory by one entry at a time and the satellite remote further includes means for searching through the telephone directory by multiple entries at one time.

31. The system of Claim 22, wherein the means for audibly announcing a party to be called comprises a speaker or earphone.
32. The system of Claim 22, wherein the means for audibly announcing a party to be called comprises a mobile telephone speakerphone or earphone.
33. The system of Claim 22, wherein the means for audibly announcing a party to be called comprises a motor-vehicle speaker or earphone.
34. The system of Claim 22, wherein the means for sending a signal from the satellite remote to the mobile telephone comprises an infrared signal.
35. The system of Claim 22, wherein the means for sending a signal from the satellite remote to the mobile telephone comprises a radio frequency signal.
36. The system of Claim 22, wherein the means for sending a signal from the satellite remote to the mobile telephone comprises a wire connecting the cradle and the satellite remote.
37. The system of Claim 22, further comprising a cradle for holding the mobile telephone and receiving the signal from the satellite remote.

38. A mobile communications system comprising:
- an electronic telephone directory;
 - a satellite remote having a scroll wheel for scrolling through the electronic telephone directory;
 - an electronic voice generator for audibly announcing a party to be called; and
 - a button for sending a signal from the satellite remote to the mobile telephone.